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Artists of Abraham Lincoln portraits

Bass Otis

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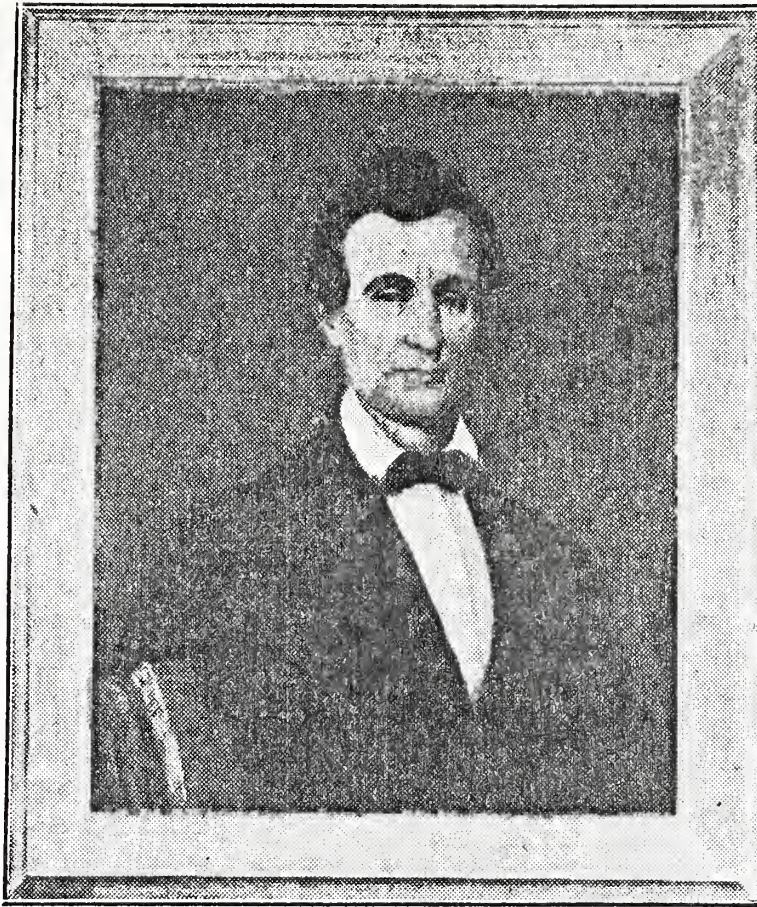
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LITTLE-KNOWN LINCOLN PORTRAIT



This portrait of Abraham Lincoln, now on display here, is attributed to Bass Otis, a nineteenth-century Philadelphia artist

Rare Portrait of Lincoln Is Put on Exhibition Here

Canvas Is Attributed to Bass Otis, Old Phila. Artist

An unusual and little-known portrait of Abraham Lincoln, showing the Great Emancipator as a young and less careworn man than the wartime President, has been placed on exhibition at the Philadelphia Gas Works Company, Broad and Arch streets.

It is a life-sized head which hung for years in the home of Pierre Mather, 6842 Gorsten street Mount Airy and recently was presented by Mr. Mather to George Mink, of the United Corporation, who has lent it for the display.

The canvas is unsigned, but is attributed to Bass Otis, noted nineteenth century Philadelphia artist. Records show it was presented to Mr. Mather's grandfather, Charles

Mather, whose wife was Alice Otis Warner, a niece of the artist.

It is not known whether Lincoln came to Philadelphia for the sitting or had it painted elsewhere. It is believed the picture was painted during Lincoln's service in Congress between 1847 and 1849.

When the canvas was "resurrected" it was found that two nails had been driven through the face. It has been retouched and authenticated by experts.

Philadelphia Record
Feb 11 1932

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